

# The Budapest Commitments in Vienna II: Results so far and the future



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## Editorial

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The Budapest Commitments: setting the goals  
A joint initiative by the European Association  
for Palliative Care, the International Association  
for Hospice and Palliative Care and Help the Hospices

**The provision of palliative care is far below an acceptable  
standard in many regions of Europe.**

**...many patients in Europe with advanced disease still do not  
receive even a minimum of symptom relief or  
psychosocial care.**



# The Budapest Commitments

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|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Belgium        | <i>FPCF</i>                   | Austria        | <i>OPG, DVHO</i>                    |
| Croatia        | <i>CAHF</i>                   | Czech Republic | <i>AHPCP</i>                        |
| Denmark        | <i>DSPaM</i>                  | Germany        | <i>DGP</i>                          |
| Greece         | <i>HAPCPC,<br/>HSPSCCNCP</i>  | Hungary        | <i>HHPA</i>                         |
| Italy          | <i>SICP</i>                   | Israel         | <i>IPMS</i>                         |
| Lithuania      | <i>LPMA</i>                   | Netherlands    | <i>NPTN</i>                         |
| Norway         | <i>NFPM</i>                   | Portugal       | <i>APCP</i>                         |
| Romania        | <i>SRPT</i>                   | Spain          | <i>SECPAL,<br/>WHOCC,<br/>SCBCP</i> |
| Sweden         | <i>NRPV</i>                   | Switzerland    | <i>SSMSP</i>                        |
| United Kingdom | <i>PCRS, APCSW,<br/>APMGB</i> |                |                                     |



# **The Budapest Commitments**

## **Germany: National Charter**

**Charter for improving care of severely ill and dying patients**

**Initiated by the German Association for Palliative Care**

**Steering group with German Medical Association,  
German Hospice and Palliative Care Union**

**Invitation to 130 relevant groups and associations**

**Round table conferences**

**Charter presentation in autumn 2010**



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## **Germany: National Charter**

**Letter of intent from 40 groups and associations**

**Workgroups established**

**Ethics and public awareness**

**Patient needs and structures of care**

**Training and education**

**Future development and research**

**International dimension**

**Patient representatives in all workgroups**



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## Denmark: Research

### Danish Society of Palliative Medicine (DSPaM)

**Goal 1: increase the number of palliative researchers  
from 58 in January 2007 to 67 in December 2008**

**Goal 2: increase the number of peer-reviewed  
palliative care research**

**Goal 3: establish a Danish palliative care research prize**



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## **Austria: Four Commitments**

### **Policy**

**Meetings with politicians**

**Integration of palliative care as a separate chapter in the official working programme of the new government**

### **Quality**

**Development of handbook on quality management**

### **Education**

**Renewed standards for education of volunteers**

### **Research**

**Establishment of a nationwide platform for clinical studies**



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## EMSA: Athens Resolution

5th European Medical Students' Council  
Athens, May 2008

Athens Resolution for Care of the Terminally Ill

*„We see the aging of the population happening and whether we like it or not, we as future doctors will have to deal with issues related to suffering of patients and when a cure is not an option, palliative care becomes a prerequisite. Realizing this, we as medical students devoted time on this matter at this 5th EMS Council in Athens.“*





# **The Budapest Commitments**

## **The Future**

**Monitor progress of ongoing commitments**

**Appreciate success of goals achieved**

**Invite national associations to join**

**Include commitments from other groups and initiatives**

**Extend commitments to other regions**



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